

Two booked at York Road as...

MAIDENHEAD FOLD AFTER SEARLE'S DISPUTED GOAL

Maidenhead United 0, Wycombe Wanderers 2

A HOTLY disputed goal caused the Premier Mid-week League game at York Road to flare up into a bitter dispute between Maidenhead United players and the referee on Tuesday.

The incident occurred in the 56th minute when Bremer crossed the ball from the goal-line and Searle headed the ball home. The referee, Mr. G. Keeble, immediately turned and raced to the centre spot, but his linesman who was standing near the corner post had his flag upraised.

Maidenhead players immediately tried to draw Mr. Keeble's attention to his linesman but he brushed aside all their protests and ordered the restart.

Before the game could be started however, he booked Maidenhead's skipper Denny Montague, who had kicked the ball away and a few minutes later booked full-back Braithwaite for a heavy tackle on Geoff Anthony.

Apparently the linesman had been signalling that the ball had gone out of play before Bremer crossed the ball, and this was confirmed by the Magpies' trainer Alf Goom, who was near the spot when the incident occurred.

But really Wycombe have nothing to reproach themselves for, and were the deserved winners for their persistence in attacks.

Their success was gained through their ability to play wide to wingers Hutchinson and Anthony who continually prised

open the Maidenhead defence.

The second goal came after 67 minutes when Bremer put over a left-wing cross and Searle went behind the defence to head the ball past Spittle.

After Maidenhead settled down they began to get back into the game and in the last 15 minutes kept keeper Kevin O'Brien busy with some accurate shooting.

DEFLECTION

The Magpies' centre-half Jim Hartridge — brother of Wycombe's Les — came to meet a corner and his first time volley was deflected off the goal-line by Charlie Gale.

In the first half Bremer spurned two chances to give the Blues the lead when he twice drew Spittle but on both occasions he made a too narrow an angle to shoot home.

Johnny Hutchinson put on the best performance of the

evening and often had the Magpies' veteran defender Brian Pitts in trouble.

MAIDENHEAD: Spittle, Pitts, Braithwaite, Montague, Hartridge, Thomas, Woosley, Scott, Fancett, Underwood, Stevens. Sub. Daley (not used).

WYCOMBE WANDERERS: O'Brien, Gale, MacLean, Rundle, Faulkner, Baker, Anthony, Hartridge, Searle, Bremer, Hutchinson. Sub. Blunt (not used).